

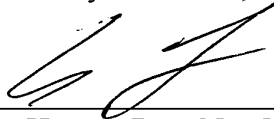
REMARKS

Applicants disagree with the rejections over claim 17 and its dependent claim 21, but to further the prosecution of this application decided to amend claim 17 by removing all allegedly anticipated polymers.

If any issues remain, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact counsel at the number indicated below to discuss such issues.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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